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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1483

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TAGS: EAID EAIR VE
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY U.S. NAVY IN
RECOVERY OF LAV AIRCRAFT

1. DAO HAS SENT TWO MESSAGES (USDAO 061617Z MAR 78
AND USDAO 072040Z MAR 78) TO DOD RELAYING URGENT GOV
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY US NAVY IN RAISING
WRECKAGE OF LAV AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED IN SEA MARCH 3.
REMAINS OF ESTIMATED 20 PASSENGERS BELIEVED TRAPPED
IN WRECKAGE AND GOV AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL IS MOST
ANXIOUS TO BEGIN SALVAGE OPERATION.

2. DAO HAS RECEIVED NO RPT NO REPLY THUS FAR, AND
IS UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE BY VENENZUELAN AUTHORITIES
FOR A RESPONSE AS TO FEASIBILITY OF USG ASSISTANCE.
THERE IS ALSO EXTENSIVE SPECULATION IN THE PRESS
ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF US ASSISTANCE.

3. GEN ARAQUE, PRESIDENT OF LAV, HAS INDICATED
TO DAO HE IS AWAITING USG REPOSNE BEFORE CONSIDERING
OTHER ALTERNATIVE. IF USG NOT RPT NOT ABLE TO
HELP, ARAQUE WILL SEEK OUR ADVICE ABOUT POSSIBLE
US COMMERCIAL FIRMS.

4. AS POINTED OUT IN USDAO 072040Z,
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WHATEVER COOPERATION USG CAN OFFER
WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY VENEZUELAN AND WILL
BE PARTICULARLY TIMELY IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S
FORTHCOMING VISIT ON MARCH 28.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: AMBASSADOR URGES DEPT AND
DOD TO GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THIS GOV

REQUEST AND TO REPLY TO EMBASSY AND DAO BY IMMEDIATE
CABLE.
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